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Applicant states that the enclosed JP 8-163288 reference was first cited in an office action dated May 28, 2003 issued by the Korean Patent Office less than three months prior to this date. As the JP 8-163288 reference was first cited in an office action by the Korean Patent Office on May 28, 2003 (less than three months ago), and this IDS is being submitted after a non-final office action, it is applicants position that no fee is due at this time.

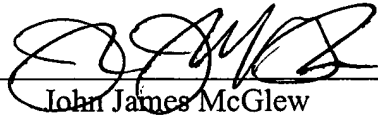
Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as discussed below.

ml - JP 8-163288 as cited by the Korean Patent Office during examination of a Korean application corresponding to the present U.S. application. This reference describes a fax machine manufactured as a printer unit and a scanner unit which are separately constructable and separately testable prior to joining. An English translation of this reference is not available at this time to the Applicant, however an English abstract is enclosed.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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